

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Serial No.: Not Yet Assigned ) **PRELIMINARY**  
Filed: Herewith ) **AMENDMENT**  
For: **MAGNETIC POWDER AND ISOTROPIC** )  
**BONDED MAGNET** )

Hon. Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Prior to the examination of this application, please amend it as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 6, line 2, please delete "5" and substitute --4-- therefor.

Claim 7, line 2, please delete "6" and substitute --4-- therefor.

Claim 8, line 2, please delete "7" and substitute --4-- therefor.

Claim 9, line 2, please delete "8" and substitute --4-- therefor.

Claim 10, line 2, please delete "9" and substitute --4-- therefor.

Claim 11, line 2, please delete "10" and substitute --4-- therefor.

Claim 12, line 2, please delete "11" and substitute --4-- therefor.

Claim 18, line 2, please delete "17" and substitute --16-- therefor.

Claim 19, line 1, please delete "claim 17 or 18" and substitute --in claim 17-- therefor.

Claim 20, lines 1 and 2, please delete "any one of claims 17 to 19" and substitute --  
claim 17-- therefor.

Claim 21, lines 1 and 2, please delete "any one of claims 17 to 20" and substitute --  
claim 17-- therefor.

Claim 22, line 2, please delete "21" and substitute --16-- therefor.

Claim 23, line 2, please delete "22" and substitute --16-- therefor.

Claim 24, line 2, please delete "23" and substitute --16-- therefor.

Claim 25, line 2, please delete "24" and substitute --16-- therefor.

Claim 26, line 2, please delete "25" and substitute --16-- therefor.

#### REMARKS

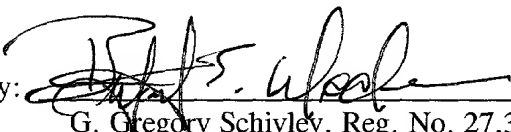
The purpose of this preliminary amendment is to clarify the translation and remove  
multiple dependent claims from the application.

Favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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